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हिमाचल प्रदेश सरकार

TRANSPORT DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Shimla-2, the 31st August, 2004

No. TPT-I (5) 6/2000.—The Governor, Himachal Pradesh, in terms of Item No. 16 of the Transport Policy, 2004, is pleased to notify “The Himachal Pradesh Pre-paid Taxi Scheme 2004” as per Annexure-A for General Information of all concerned.

2. The Governor is further pleased to order that this Scheme shall come into force with effect from 1st September, 2004 starting with Shimla Town.

By order,

AVAY SHUKLA,
Pr. Secretary.

HIMACHAL PRADESH PRE-PAID TAXI SERVICE SCHEME, 2004

1. Purpose of the Scheme—Being a tourist State, a lot of tourists from all over the country visit different parts of the Himachal Pradesh. In most cases they are dependent on travel by taxis for their local sight seeing. It has often been seen that in all the important tourist towns, the taxi owners operate as a union and many times there are serious complaints of over charging and misbehavior with the tourists. Such activities of the taxi operators affect the image of the state adversely. It is therefore, important that the availability of taxis to the tourists is controlled under the Government banner. Hence, the Government of Himachal Pradesh has decided to introduce Pre-Paid Taxi system in all the important towns of the State starting with Shimla town. Through this pre-paid taxi service, Taxis will be made available to the passengers on payment of fare rates fixed by the competent authority from the pre-paid taxi counters set up by the operating agency in this behalf.

2. Short title and Commencement.—(i) The Scheme will be called as the Himachal Pradesh Pre-Paid Taxi Scheme, 2004.

(ii) It shall be operative in Shimla town in the first instance and later it may extend to other towns of the State in a phased manner.

(iii) It shall come into force from the date of its publication in the Official Gazette.

3. Points from where taxis shall be booked.—Taxis shall be booked from the booths at railway station and other important places in towns notified under the Scheme by the Operating Agency from time to time.

4. Operating Agency.—The Operating Agency under the Scheme will be notified by the Government for each district which will be responsible for the management and operation of pre-paid taxi system. The passenger, who intends to avail this facility on approaching the pre-paid taxi booths, will be required to disclose his destination to the pre-paid staff on duty. The staff on duty at the pre-paid booth will then request the passenger to deposit the scheduled approved fare with the staff on duty. A duly signed receipt indicating the taxi number, destination, amount charged, shall be given to the passengers. The taxi operator waiting in a queue outside shall be required to take the passengers to the declared destinations. On reaching the destination, the passenger shall be required to sign the receipt and hand it over to the driver. The taxi driver on his return shall produce this receipt to the pre-paid booth and collect the fare from the staff on duty at the booth. The staff of Traffic Police on duty at the pre-paid booth shall assist the passengers. The taxi drivers and the staff on duty at the pre-paid booth shall not force the passenger to avail the services of pre-paid booth. The taxi available near the pre-paid booths shall not refuse to go by pre-paid sites. Any such refusal shall attract legal action under the Motor Vehicles Act.

5. Notifying Pre-Paid Taxi Parking.—The operating agency shall notify the pre-paid parking areas where only taxis operating under the pre-paid taxi scheme shall be allowed to park and operate. No other vehicle shall be allowed to be parked in that area and no other agency shall be authorized to book passengers from that area.

6. **Service Charges.**—With a view to make the booths self sustainable and to defray the cost of infrastructure, stationery and other incidental expenses and to provide quality service to the commuters, service charges at the rate of 10% of the fare shall be imposed and charged from the passengers.

7. **Duty of Staff on Counters.**—The staff on duty at the booth shall ascertain the destination of the passenger. He shall check the list to decide the point destination, the schedule fare charges shall be collected from the passenger concerned at the Pre-Paid booth and a signed voucher (receipt) in duplicate indicating the taxi registration number, destination, total amount charged, shall be issued. Counter staff on duty shall pay, the amount already deposited by the passenger concerned on production of voucher with the signature of the passenger. The counter staff shall affix "Paid" stamp on vouchers after making payment to the taxi drivers. The service charges shall be deposited with the Bank.

8. **Duty of the Staff Maintaining Account.**—The money received as a fare and service charge from the passengers will be deposited in the bank account by the staff and the payments shall be made to the taxi operators out of this money. The staff on duty will maintain the account of all transactions made at the booth.

9. **Supervision.**—A responsible officer appointed by the Operating Agency shall exercise a close supervision on the day to day functioning of the booth and its staff. The Officer in-charge will check the cash at the counters daily and verify it with records register available at the booth. He shall detail the staff on shift-wise duty.

10. **Register:**—The following registers shall be maintained:

1. Cash Register.
2. Service Charge Register.
3. Stationery Register.
4. Taxi Register.
5. Attendance Register.
6. Receipt & Payment Register.
7. Stock Register.

11. **Fund.**—The fund shall consist of earning through service charges collected at the Pre-paid booths. All amount realised shall be credited to the saving bank account the following working day.

12. **Objects of the fund.**—The fund will be utilized for carrying out the following tasks:

- (a) The purchase stationery/receipt book and other material for pre-paid booth.
- (b) Upkeep and maintenance of the Pre-paid booth and its publicity.
- (c) To purchase equipment for pre-paid booths. The servicing and maintenance of these equipments.

13. **Audit.**—The accounts shall be audited by the Examiner Local Finance accounts Government of Himachal Pradesh annually.

14. **Rates of Fare.**—The Transport Department or any other agency authorized on behalf by the Government, shall notify the rules of fare to be charged by the Pre-paid taxi on point-to-point basis.

15. Pre-Paid Taxi Operation in Shimla town.—In Shimla town, the operating agency shall set up pre-paid taxi counters at the following places initially in addition to any other place notified by it from time to time :—

- (i) Railway Station.
- (ii) Tourist information Centre at Victory Tunnel.
- (iii) Main Bus Stand Shimla.